

**REQUEST  
FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
TRANSMITTAL**

**MAIL STOP RCE**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,  
provides for continued examination of an utility or  
plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995

Application Number	10/780,672
Confirmation Number	1994
Filing Date	February 19, 2004
First Named Inventor	Yoshihito KATO
Group Art Unit	2635
Examiner Name	Shimizu Matsuichiro
Matter Number	Q79812

Title

LOCKING DEVICE, LOCKER, KEY AND  
LOCKING METHOD

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**1. SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

a. ☒ Previously submitted

i. ☒ Please enter and consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

March 24, 2006 and

Supplemental Amendment

previously filed on filed May 30, 2006

ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_

iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

b. ☒ Enclosed

i. ☐ Amendment/Reply

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv. ☒ Petition for Extension of Time

v. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**2. MISCELLANEOUS**

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months

b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**3. FEES**

The statutory fee of \$790.00 is being charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4880 via EFS Payment Screen. The USPTO is also directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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Date June 27, 2006